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**Guide to Collection**

Gillespie, John L.

**John L. Gillespie Photograph Collection, ca. 1900**

PCA 215

2 Folders (12 b&w photographs)

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**PROCESSING:** Each photograph has been placed in Mylar. The photographs were divided into two groups and then placed into archival folders.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John L. Gillespie, Sr. sailed from Seattle to Nome on the SS *Garonne* in 1900. He worked as a surveyor during the summer of 1900 for a mining company that had been organized in Nevada, Iowa.

Before leaving for Nome, Mr. Gillespie graduated from Iowa State College with a degree in electrical engineering. He later obtained a law degree from the State University of Iowa and practiced law for over fifty years in Des Moines, Iowa.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Views of Nome, Anvil Creek, Unalaska and SS *Garonne*; Eskimo and Athapascan portraits.

All of the prints are 6 ½" x 8 ½" in size and are mounted on 11" x 13" mount boards. Four of the views were taken by E.A. Hegg, an early Alaskan photographer.

## INVENTORY

*Photographs are located in PCA Oversize*

### Folder 1

1. Dutch Harbor. Unalaska in the distance. [Overall view of Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island; 4 steamers in harbor.]
2. Dutch Harbor, Alaska Peninsula; Unalaska, Alaska Peninsula; S.S. *Garonne* [S.S. *Garonne* at anchor in Dutch Harbor.] (Framed by Ingalls, Nevada, IA.)
3. Beach Scene, Nome. June 28, 1900; E.A. Hegg [Tents and framed buildings with small skiffs along beach and in water]
4. Midnight Sun; E.A. Hegg [Sun setting over water at Nome(?)]
5. Nome Alaska, the Snake River, June 1900 [Building and tents on either side of the Snake River, Nome; June 1900.]
6. [Men working sluice boxes along the Nome(?) beach; tents back from beach.]

### Folder 2

7. Main street of Nome Alaska summer of 1900. [Crowd of people on street; also horse drawn wagons.]

8. Beach - after a storm - Nome, Alaska. [Rough surf; small sail boat overturned.]
9. Placer mining on Anvil Creek, summer 1900. [Men working sluice boxes; tents in background.]
10. Chief Kowiohski(?), oldest Indian Guide on the Yukon; #498, E.A. Hegg [Full length portrait of Chief standing beside log building] (Framed by Ingalls, Nevada, IA.)
11. Eskimos; Copyright 1900 E.A. Hegg [Group of five adults and four children, some in fur parkas.]
12. [Eskimo woman and two children wearing fur parkas; tents beyond.] (Framed by Ingalls, Nevada, IA.)